(v) Stricter implementation of the provisions of the Charities Act to limit the possibility of misuse of gurdwara funds.

Utilisation of Flaring Gas

2431. SHRI SHARAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of natural gas being flared up as in the beginning of 1991;

(b) the extent of gas being utilised for different purposes at the beginning of 1991;

(c) the steps taken/being taken for the current year and for the Eighth Plan?

(d) the target fixed in this regard for the current year and for the Eighth Plan.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) During January 1991, an average of 13.61 million standard qubic meteor per day (MMSCMD) of gas was flared.

(b) In January, 1991, approximately 39.7 MMSCMD of gas was utilised for the following purpose:

		(MMSCMD)
(i)	Fertilizer	18.12
(ii)	Power	11.04
(iii)	Other uses (including internal use)	10.54

(c) and (d): Schemes for compression of low pressure gas in Gujarat, and for compression and transportation of gas in the Western offshore region are being implemented in order to increase the utilisation of flared gas. Attempts are also being made to expedite the coming up of downstream consumers in Assam.

Abetment to Terrorism in Kashmir and Punjab by Pakistan

2432. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether he urged Pakistan to stop abetting 'terrorism' and 'subversion' in Kashmir and Punjab during his meeting with Pakistan's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs at New York on September 30,1991; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Pakistan thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Pakistan acknowledged the need to regrient bilateral relations on realistic and practical lines and to resolve all issues between the two countries.

[*Translation*]

Setting up of New Petrol Diesel Retail Outlets in Orissa

2433. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up new petrol/ diesel retail outlets in Orissa during 1991-92;

(b) if so, the names of the planes where they are proposed to be set up;

(c) whether the Government also pro-

pose to allot petrol retail outlets in backward areas of Orissa;

(d) if so, the datails thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THR MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) to (e). Retails outlets for diesel/ petrol are opened in different places as per approved Marketing Plans, availability of products etc. There is no separate criteria for allotting retail outlets in backward areas.

[English]

Comprehensive crop Insurance Scheme

2434. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the facilities provided to the farmers under the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme and the monitoring agencies at Block and District level to ensure the proper implementation of the Scheme;

(b) whether the farmers of Garhwal region are not covered under the Crop Insurance Scheme;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to cover the farmers of Garhwal region under the Scheme as they are badly affected by vagaries of natural calamities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a). Under the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) the crops of loanee farmers growing wheat, paddy, millets, oilseeds and pulses crops are covered. The sum insured is limited to a maximum of Rs. 10,000/- per farmer.

In order to ensure proper implementation of the CCIS at various levels in implementing States, a committee is set up under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary and consists of representatives of the State Government, General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC), Government of India, National Bank for agricultural and Rural Development, Commercial/ cooperative Banks etc. The Committee monitors the implementation of CCIS and also administers the State Crop Insurance Fund. The responsibility of Supervision and monitoring of the crop loans disbursed for insured crops is with the credit disbursing agencies. The loss to the insured crops is assessed on the basis of the yield data furnished to the GIC by the State Government on the basis of the crop cutting experiments conducted at the end of every season.

(b). Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). Under the CCIS states are free to implement the scheme in any area. The State Government of Uttar Pradesh has opted not to implement the CCIS in any area including the Garhwal region since 1.4.1990 onwards.

[Translation]

Setting up of More Campuses of G.B. Pant University in U.P.

2435. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the places in hilly districts of Uttar Pradesh where the Govind Ballabh Pant